

WSU KING COUNTY EXTENSION

Our goal is simple. And ambitious. We want King County to be a great place to live for all its citizens.

We know we can reach that goal because we don't try to reach it alone. We ask people like you to help. Plainly put, we involve youth and adult volunteers as full partners in our stewardship activities. And we work hard to make our partners successful, whether they're working with kids, families, seniors, or are helping to sustain our natural resources.

We're about empowerment. We give volunteers the tools and education they need. Then we support them, as they lead the way.



Washington State University King County Extension (WSU KCE) is part of the Land Grant University system. We provide informal, research-based education to citizens of King County along with access to higher education in your community through our Distance Degree Programs. King County Extension is your gateway to Washington State University.

Forged in the midst of the Civil War and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, the Land-Grant Act (aka Morrill Act) of 1862 introduced a radical idea to American education -- that higher education should be practical and available to the masses. The Hatch Act of 1887 created the agricultural experiment station program enabling the colleges to conduct agricultural research and uncover scientific knowledge to be shared with students and farmers. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 extended the concept of service to the community by creating the federal Cooperative Extension Service.

Engage Educate Empower

Water Land Forests Farms & Food Stewardship

Everyday the world gets a little smaller and a little more crowded. And every day, it becomes that much more important to maintain a healthy, clean, and productive environment. WSU KCE and our many volunteers help spread this message to the rest of King County.

We offer education and resources to help farmers succeed in today's competitive marketplace while protecting their land and our water. We encourage consumers to support their local farmers and local economies. We train Master Gardeners, Forestry Stewards, Extension Livestock Advisors, and Extension Watershed Stewards.

4-H Youth & Family Stewardship

What should you cook for dinner if you have or are at risk of getting diabetes? How can you grow vegetables year-round in a community garden? Where can you shop to eat well on a limited budget? WSU KCE's Food \$ense and Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs (EFNEP) help to answer these questions and many more through hands-on education.

Right now 4-H youth and adult volunteers are meeting in your neighborhood, schools and communities. More than 3,500 youth in King County are learning positive hands-on skills in subjects as diverse as computers, cooking, photography, aerospace, raising a pet, and much more.

Engaging Communities Through Stewardship...

WSU KCE Funding for 2004

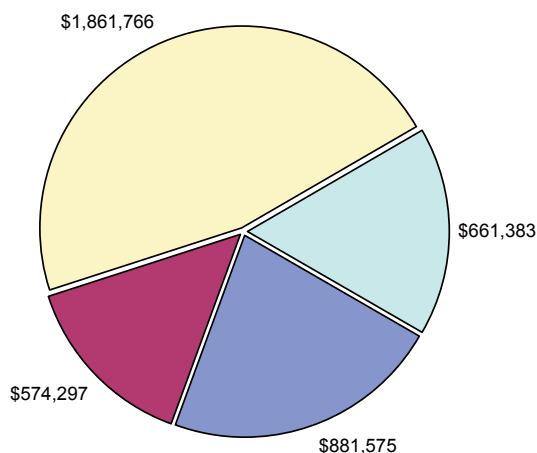


Figure 1. The dollar amounts of the four funding sources for WSU KCE. The grants & contracts figure represents expenditures for the prior state fiscal year. WSU institutional support represents infrastructure and programming from the state level. Direct WSU Extension support is the contribution from WSU to WSU KCE faculty and staff wages and benefits. The total KC allotment figure represents KC's share of salaries, operating dollars, building rent, and other expenses.

Like all county extension offices, King County Extension receives the bulk of its funding from state money allocated to WSU, from federal dollars to WSU attached to programs like EFNEP and other institutional support, and from the County Partner (see Figure 1). The current fiscal climate has seen reduced budgets for all three of these sources, resulting in KCE getting a tripartite budget crunch over the last several years (see Figure 2). Like all of King County government, WSU KCE has seen tough times in the contributions from King County since 2000. Figure 2 shows a 64% decrease in County funding from 2000 to 2004. To make up for reduced funding, WSU KCE has made a great effort to bring in additional revenue through grants and contracts (see Figure 2 for increased funding from this source) along with making fiscally responsible adjustments in personnel and programming throughout WSU to maintain quality educational programs.

We wish to thank some of our key partners and supporters:

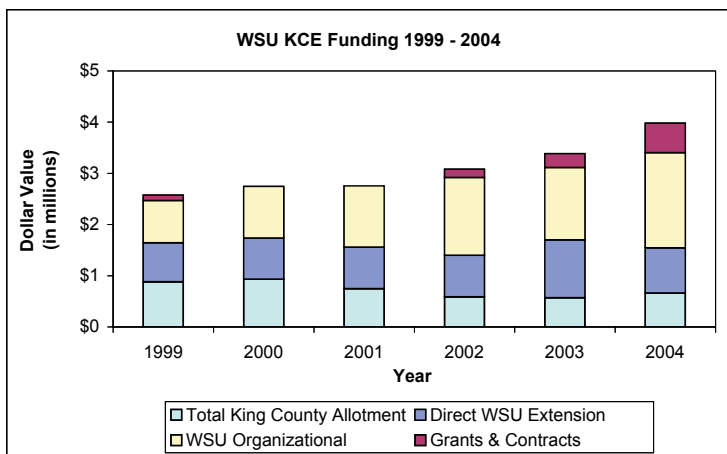


Figure 2. The historical trend of funding from the four main funding sources for WSU KCE. See Figure 1 legend for explanation of the funding sources.

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